Financial aid under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

3595. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is granting financial aid under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to State Governments, to meet the financial cost of primary and elementary school teachers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government is aware that more than 13,000 primary and elementary school teachers have not received their salaries; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is contemplating to release sufficient funds to the Punjab Government under SSA, for disbursement of salaries to teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Under the Sarva Shiksha Sbhiyan (SSA), Central share funds are provided to States/Union Territories (UT) for implementation of the programme as per the funding ratio between Center and States/UTs, which *inter-alia* is also utilized for payment of teacher salaries against only such posts as are created under this programme. In 2007-08 a total amount of Rs. 11432.04 crore has been provided by the Central Government to States/UTs for the SSA.

(c) and (d) In 2007-08, Punjab has been provided Rs. 104.94 crore for implementation of SSA programme, which adequately covers teachers salary for 1822 posts created under the SSA.

Corporal punishment to students

3596. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of corporal punishment to school students are on the increase;

(b) if so, the number of injury and death cases due to it registered during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Supreme Court order, banning corporal punishment in school has, so far, been implemented in six States only and a study conducted by an NGO stated that there is a cane for every class in most Government schools in northern India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to check corporal punishment and physical torture to students by the teachers in Government and private schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Sporadic instances of corporal punishment have been reported in the media in the recent past. However education is a concurrent subject and details of injury/deaths due to corporal punishment are not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

(c) and (d) A study conducted by a Voluntary Organization "Plan International (India)" titled "Impact of Corporal Punishment on School Children: A Research Study" reported (May, 2006), *Inter-alia* reported that "at least five (05) beatings per class per day" was quite common in schools visited by the research team. The study also reported that only six States had undertaken concrete effort to implement the Supreme Court Order prohibiting corporal punishment.

(e) Education being a concurrent subject, school education primarily comes under the purview of the State Government. The National Policy on Education 1986, as modified in 1992, *inter-alia* states that "corporal punishment will be strictly excluded from school system". This Ministry has written to all State Governments on 17.12.2007 requesting them to prohibit corporal punishment in all schools under the jurisdiction of State Governments in the spirit of National Policy on Education. So far 15 States/Union Territories have informed this Ministry that corporal punishment has either already been prohibited in schools under their respective jurisdiction or action has been initiated to prohibit the same. Corporal punishment has also been strictly prohibited in schools run by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, schools affiliated to CBSE and Central Tibetan School Administration, which are autonomous organizations under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Multi-skilled syllabi in IITs

†3597. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of IITs selected across the country, for implementing the multi-skilled syllabi under excellent centre scheme and the names of IITs of Uttarakhand included among these;

(b) whether the amount has been sanctioned for upgradation of all IITs under the World Bank project; and

(c) if so, the amount spent under this head in Uttarakhand during 2006-07 and the amount likely to be spent during 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There is no excellent centre scheme in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) for implementing multi-skilled syllabi.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of Employees in Central Universities

†3598. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage in the number of teaching and non-teaching employees in Central Universities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that education of Universities is also suffering due to these vacant posts and educational institutes are unable to function smoothly and properly;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.